

His son, Josiah Collins II, when he had reached manhood, entered into business with his father and actively cooperated with him in all his various enterprises, whether of a private or public nature. He too, not unlike his father, was a man of force and ability. He was his father's tried, trusted and confidential companion and friend. The union between the two was of the closest kind, the son respecting his father's confidence with utmost consideration.

Josiah Collins II, in December 1803, married Ann Rebecca Daves, a daughter of Major John Daves of New Bern, N. C., a brave and gallant officer of the American Revolutionary War. This marriage was a source of great gratification to his father in his declining years. He lived long enough to see a family of young grandchildren gathered around him.

Elizabeth Collins, the youngest daughter or child of Josiah Collins and who remained in England, married a lawyer by the name of Cook and remained in England until her death. She resided at Hatch-Beauchamp, near Taunton, a place given to her by her father, who also provided legacies for her children as he did for all his grandchildren. Hatch-Beauchamp is only a half mile from the ancestral home of the Collins family.

Ann Collins, who came to America with her father, married in Edenton in 1788 Jacob Blount, son of Jacob Blount of Blount Hall, Pitt County, N. C., and died young leaving two small children, Ann Collins Blount and Elizabeth Louise Blount. These two children being left orphans at a very early age, were objects of special care and devotion by their grandfather. Ann Collins Blount never married. She lived with her grandfather and uncle at the home known as "Old Homestead." She was an important member of the household and at the death of her